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SUBJECT: PRIMIN TANAKA REGRETS ROLE OF SDF RETIREE IN
SURVEILLANCE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG

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1. PRIMIN KAKUEI TANAKA EXPRESSED REGRET IN UPPER HOUSE
PLENARY SESSION TUESDAY THAT MEMBER OF SELF DEFENSE FORCE WAS
INVOLVED AS PRIVATE DETECTIVE IN SURVEILLANCE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG
PRIOR TO ABDUCTION. PRIMIN WAS MAKING DELAYED RESPONSE TO
QUESTION ASKED YESTERDAY BY HIDEO YASUNAGA (JSP) (REFTEL.
PRIMIN STATED THAT GOJ COULD NOT ASK FORMER SDF MAN TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY SINCE HIS RETIREMENT TOOK EFFECT AUGUST 1. PRIMIN
ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IT CUSTOMARY TO ALLOW RETIRING SDF PERSONNEL
TO PREPARE FOR POST-SEPARATION EMPLOYMENT BY WORKING AS
APPRENTICES DURING TERMINAL LEAVE. HOWEVER, PRIMIN EXPRESSED
VIEW THAT CUSTOM SHOULD BE CHANGED, AND THAT INCREASING
NECESSITY EXISTED FOR STRICTER DISCIPLINE OVER SDF PERSONNEL.
IN CONCLUSION, PRIMIN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SDF MAN NOT
INVOLVED IN ABDUCTION.

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2. PRIMIN TANAKA WITH SHOW OF ANGER DECLINED TO RESPOND

TO FURTHER QUESTION BY YASUNAGA, WHO ASKED WHETHER SURVEILLANCE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG BY FORMER SDF MAN INDICATED THAT GOJ PLAYED ROLE IN KIDNAPPING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YASUNAGA, MASUMI ESAKI, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, SAID THAT POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN INVESTIGATION TO PROTECT WITNESS, AND TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATION.

4. SADANORI YAMANAKA, DEFENSE AGENCY DIRGEN, ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT MAN STILL ON SDF ROLLS ENGAGED IN DETECTIVE ACTIVITIES. HE DENIED THAT SDF COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HAD ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH KCIA.
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